



TALKING BOOK PROGRAM







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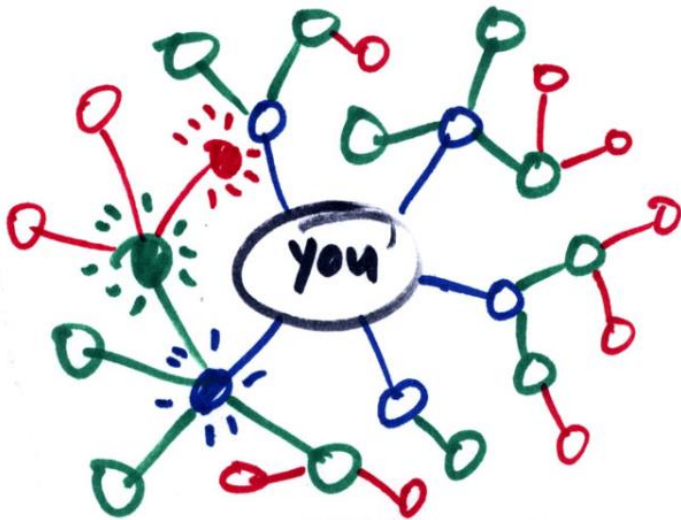
Free alternative-format books for
Texans of all ages who are unable
to read standard print due to
visual, physical, or reading
disabilities (lifelong or temporary)

Eligibility

- Blindness
- Visual disability
- Physical disability
- Reading disability
(i.e. dyslexia)



Disability Information & Referral Center (DIRC)



- Free reference service to those who need info about disability services
- **Available to the general public.** You don't have to be registered at TBP to call DIRC.

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BRAILLE Alphabet

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
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Digital Talking Book Machine (DTBM)



- Books play on cartridges with no moving parts
- Touch buttons control the functions of the machine

BARD

Braille and Audio Reading Download



OR



No Wait
No Limit

No Due Date
No Overdue Notices

Just browse,
download & go.

BARD – Mobile Application

Now you can play books on your mobile or tablet

- Available on IOS and Android platforms
- Free
- Must be a TBP patron and registered for BARD



How to Sign Up

Fill out an
application

Get it signed by
a certifying
authority

Available in
English and
Spanish



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Texas State Library and Archives Commission
LIBRARY SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH PRINT DISABILITIES



Call toll free 1-800-252-9605 or 512-463-5458 in Austin
Fax 512-936-0685 Email: tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov

Hours: Monday-Friday
8:00 am to 12:00 pm
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission provides library services to Texans who cannot read standard print due to a visual, physical, or reading disability. To participate in this free service, complete the application below and return it to the **Talking Book Program by mail, email, or fax**. Information required for borrowing of Library of Congress materials will be kept confidential.

By law, preference in lending of books and equipment is given to veterans. Check here if you have been honorably discharged from the armed forces of the U.S. **You must provide a copy of your DD Form 214 for verification.** ☐

Qualified readers must be residents of the U.S. or American citizens living abroad.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____ Sex F ☐ M ☐

First Middle Last

Mailing Address _____

City _____ TX _____ Zip _____

Phone _____
home phone work phone E-Mail

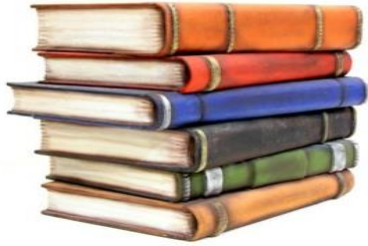
Date of Birth _____ Primary Language ☐ English ☐ Spanish
☐ Other (specify)

Certifying Authority

- Applications must be signed by a licensed professional who can verify your disability
- Examples of those who can certify
 - Family Doctor, Eye Doctor, Registered nurses, Professional staff at hospitals, Social Workers, Librarians, Clergy

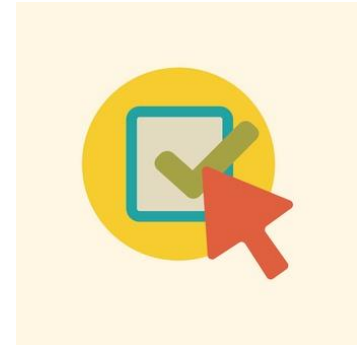
***For Reading Disabilities, certifying authority must be a doctor.**

How to Select Books



- Select books yourself

- Books can be selected for you



Need Help?



- If you need help deciding what to read

Reader Services

Call and speak to a Reader Consultant
of Reader Advisory Librarian



- Set-up your account
- BARD and Machine assistance
- Help selecting books

Contact Us



By telephone: 1-800-252-9605 (toll-free in Texas) or 512-463-5458 (Austin area)

By e-mail:

tbp.services@tsl.texas.gov



By mail: Talking Book Program;
Texas State Library and Archives
Commission, PO Box 12927,
Austin TX 78711-2927.

By fax: 512-936-0685



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From TBP Patrons

- “Talking Books help me keep a semblance of independence.” Ruth from Amherst, TX
- “I rely on The Talking Book Program for all of my reading now that I have macular degeneration.” – John from Pilot Point, TX
- “Talking Books are a gift to those who are impaired by physical disabilities.” – Adrienne from Dallas, TX

